

Hi Fans!

I promised you a typical day in the life of the CARPENTERS so this month will cover a day on tour.

The phone rings in their hotel room at 6:00 A.M. to inform them of the time of day. Though their bodies are pleading for another hour or so of sleep, their minds tell them they must get up and be on their way to their next engagement. They dress, pack and are on their way. Sometimes it's a cab that takes them to the airport. Other times it's a rented vehicle which will transport them and their tons of equipment by surface to their next appearance. In a plane, they both try to catch another forty winks. In a car, Richard drives and lucky Karen gets to conk out on the back seat for a bumpy nap. When they reach their destination they check in at their scheduled hotel and by that time they are ready for breakfast. It's noon time or close to it. After eating they drive to the theatre or arena to set up their equipment and instruments and test the sound system. Now they're ready for rehearsal which lasts three to five hours. It's getting close to concert time and they haven't thought about dinner. Oh, well, they'll grab something after the performance. On their way to their dressing rooms to get ready for the evening's concert they find that sandwiches and snacks have been bought in for them. If they're real lucky, like they were in Fresno, it might even be fried chicken and shrimp with baskets of bread, platters of cold cuts, cheese and hors d'oeuvres, and lots of fresh fruit. If time is running short, Karen might fix a plate, carry it to her dressing room and eat it while she dresses. Richard likes to sit down and enjoy his meal while conversing with stage hands or other performers.

By this time, the audience has arrived, the theater is packed and it's time for the opening act to go on. Karen hasn't even showered but she's not worried. She has her "getting ready" time worked to a precise art. While showering, she also washes her hair. (Yes, every day).

Then she dries it with a hand dryer until it is barely damp. Then up in curlers it goes and she dries it completely under a "plastic cap" dryer. During these last few moments of hair drying, she applies her make up and slips into her stage clothes. Hair now dry, she removes the curlers, brushes her hair, and she's ready to go on stage. Her timing is perfect. The opening act is coming off stage. She walks from her dressing room out onto the stage and no one in the audience knows that just forty minutes ago she was dripping wet from head to toe.

Richard's dressing schedule is much the same as Karen's though it takes him a bit longer to dry his hair thoroughly with his hand dryer.

Performance over and the last bow made to the audience in appreciation for the standing ovation and generous applause, they rush backstage and change into street clothes. Then if the security guards permit, they sign autographs for fans..

If they are hungry they go out to eat and though the hour is late, there are still autograph requests during their meal.

Back in their hotel, they watch T.V. while their dinner settles. Then back in the sack to sleep 'til an early morning phone call beckons them to new horizons in another town.

See ya next month when I'll let ya peek into a day of their lives at home.

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